

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0663

Title: Enhance enforcement of tobacco products reserve fund law

Primary Sponsor: Laslovich, J

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Chuck Swysgood, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2004 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2005 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Justice

1. HB 663 will not have a significant fiscal impact.
2. The purpose of the bill is to strengthen enforcement of 16-11-401 through 403, MCA, which were adopted as part of Montana's participation in the national tobacco settlement agreement to ensure compliance of non-participating tobacco manufacturers with certain escrow fund payment obligations required under current law.
3. The time spent enforcing HB 663 will be more than offset by less extensive enforcement of the current non-participating tobacco manufacturer laws. HB 663 will reduce the need to track non-compliant sales because its provisions will strengthen the State's ability to keep non-compliant cigarettes off the market.
4. The enforcement problems that exist under the current law create a significant risk that Montana could lose tobacco settlement revenue because of the potential non-participating manufacturer adjustment that is allowed under the master settlement.

Judicial Branch

5. There is no fiscal impact.

Department of Revenue

6. There is no fiscal impact.

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